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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Actions dated July 28, 2005, and November 10, 2005.

Applicant filed a response August 29, 2005, electing Group I, claims 1-26. However, Applicant believes there was an error in the July 28, 2005, Office Action in that Group 1 should be claims 1-28. See Office Action mailed October 3, 2003. Reconsideration is requested.

The Examiner has also requested a species election. Currently, the Examiner states that claims 1-6, 9-11, 15, and 17-27 of Group I are generic. Applicant hereby elects elastin as the Species. This election includes, at least, claims 6-8 and 16.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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